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# Press Release

## **Clarkdale Fire Receives Grant Funded Brush Truck**

**Clarkdale, AZ, July 30, 2008:** A new brush truck arrived in the District on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The brush truck was purchased using a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant which paid 95% of the cost. Therefore, the \$97,000 truck cost the District approximately \$6,000. However, the old brush truck was sold as surplus for \$2,000, making the total net cost \$4,000. The new brush truck replaces a 29 year old truck which was taken out-of-service in May due to the inability to perform fire suppression tasks and was cost prohibitive to rebuild.

“Brush trucks” are used to fight wildfires (or brush fires) due to the limited access areas where it would not be practical or possible for a standard fire engine to access. This brush trucks is equipped with fire suppression, emergency medical equipment, and technical rescue gear. This truck was designed by our firefighters to meet the needs of our Fire District, and they did and excellent job.

Chief Joe Moore stated, “It is important to recognize the people that made this a reality. Capt. Bill Volk has spent many hours working on grants for our Fire District, and this is the largest one he has achieved so far. We are so blessed and appreciative of his hard work and diligence. We also need to Thank Terez Storm of Jerome Fire Department, as she assisted Capt. Volk in writing the Grant.

Board Chairman Jim Elmer stated, “I am very pleased with the new brush truck, it will meet the needs of our community for many years. All of the District apparatus (vehicles) are approaching

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the end of their useful life span. Our goal is to continue to seek grant funding for needed apparatus in order to minimize the financial burden to the community.”

This fiscal year the District has applied for a grant for a new engine and has budgeted funds to replace the Fire Chief's 1993 car which is a retired police vehicle.